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IN THE APPLICATION OF:

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EXAMINER: CHERYL JUSKA

FOR: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MAKING BRISTLE SUBASSEMBLIES

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

By Office Action dated July 1, 2003, the above-referenced application has been made subject to a requirement to restrict. The Examiner has taken the position that claims 1-10, 50,61-72, and 76-78 (Invention I) are drawn to an intermediate product, classified in Class 428, subclass 85+. Claims 57-60 and 73, (Invention II) are said to be drawn to a final product, classified in Class 15, subclass 159.1. Claims 11-34, (Invention III) are said to be drawn to an apparatus for making the intermediate product, classified in Class 300/2+, subclass 156/349+. Claims 51-56 (Invention IV) are said to be drawn to an apparatus for conditioning the intermediate product, classified in Class 300/17. Claims 35-49 (Invention V) are said to be drawn to a method of making the intermediated product, classified in Class 300/21, subclass 156/72. Claims 74 and 75 (Invention VI) are said to be drawn to a method of conditioning the intermediate product, classified in Class 300, subclass 21.

Applicant elects Invention I, claims 1-10, 50,61-72, and 76-78 (Invention I) are drawn to an intermediate product, classified in Class 428, subclass 85+ without traverse.

In the event that the restriction requirement is maintained in this application and non-elected process claims are withdrawn from consideration, Applicants request treatment of non-elected process claims as set forth in 37 CFR1.142(b). Upon a determination that a

product claim is allowable, Applicants request rejoinder of non-elected process claims and examination of such claims on the merits in the above-referenced application.

Respectfully submitted,

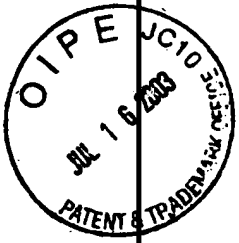
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